

FRESNO, CA - On Friday, March 2, Congressman Jim Costa, D- Fresno, will be joined by Congressmen Dennis Cardoza, D- Merced, and Devin Nunes, R-Tulare, along with California Dept. of Food and Agriculture Secretary A.G. Kawamura at a Listening Session in Fresno hosted by Costa on the Bush Administration's proposals for the 2007 Farm Bill.

The Listening Session will be held in the Fresno City Council Chambers from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"The 2007 Farm Bill will be one of the most important pieces of legislation to come out of the 110th Congress," Costa said. "It is imperative that the Central Valley agriculture industry make its view heard."

"Needless to say, the 2007 Farm Bill will have a major impact on our agriculture community and the broader economy in the Central Valley for many years to come," said Cardoza. "As we begin the process of writing this historic legislation, I look forward to hearing directly from Central Valley farmers and stakeholders."

"The Farm Bill is the single most important issue facing agriculture this year. Our nation's rural economy and the competitiveness of our farmers are at stake. I am looking forward to working with other members of the California delegation to make certain California's

interests are protected as we move forward with Farm Bill reauthorization," said Nunes.

"This is the opportunity to create a 21st Century Farm Bill that is California friendly and reflects the diverse needs of the state," said Kawamura. "I look forward to working with Rep. Costa and the entire California congressional delegation to bring about a US Farm Bill that recognizes the importance of California agriculture."

The Listening Session will offer the opportunity for a frank and open discussion of a broad range of issues related to the 2007 Farm Bill.

Who:

Rep. Jim Costa, D-Fresno

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Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Tulare

A.G Kawamura, CFDA Secretary

What:

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2600 Fresno Street, Fresno

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